

THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

Senator Cockrell Wants All the Department Employees to Come Under It.

AN INTERESTING DEBATE IN THE SENATE YESTERDAY BROUGHT UP BY A REFERENCE TO THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE—SEVERAL SENATORS HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ON THE SUBJECT.

If Senator Cockrell could only have his way all departmental employees would be required to labor eight hours each work day. There was debate in the Senate yesterday on the bill to bring about reform in the printing and distribution of documents and Senator Manderson offered an amendment providing for the enforcement of the eight-hour law for employees of the government printing office. Senator Manderson stated that Public Printer Palmer has rigidly enforced the law and was a most efficient officer, but the amendment should nevertheless be adopted.

"I should like to ask the Senator," said Senator Cockrell, "if he knows the custom there, as to whether the employees who work by the day go to the printing office at the same hour that they do in the other departments and leave at the same hour?"

Mr. Manderson replied: "I can't tell you information on that subject. My impression is that those who work by the day work some system of reliefs, because during the session of Congress the public printing office of course at work both night and day."

"Well, I am told," said Cockrell, "that eight hours form a working day, and the departments ignore the law by working six hours and a half a day and they call that a day. If eight hours were to be demanded, we would have to perform it. I confess frankly that I have not yet great amount of sympathy with less than eight hours' work, but if we have prescribed that eight hours shall be a day's work we ought to see that eight hours are worked in a family small. Call for this at 9:30."

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Mr. Cockrell—It was so in the Interior Department, I understand, when the distinguished Senator from Colorado was Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. Teller—I should like to inquire if the employee work eight hours a day.

Mr. Senator—The work is six and a half hours.

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Mr. Cockrell—A great many of the employees in the departments have been here from time immemorial, for many years, and I do not authorize them again to sue in order that they may recover compensation when they have been at work in the navy yards and other branches of the service, and I suppose it applied to employees of the government, as it was always in the law in that way.

Mr. Teller—I think if the Senator will reflect a minute he will readily admit that under no administration, either democratic or republican, can it be said "not true" that applied to the clerical force of the departments.

Mr. Cockrell—It seems to me that under no administration, either democratic or republican, can it be said "not true" that applied to the clerical force of the departments.

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Mr. Cockrell—It is now at 7 o'clock.

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Mr. Cockrell—They work until 4 and have half an hour for lunch. That leaves the working time six and a half hours exactly.

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